



About Us

The Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (ASDB) traces its roots back to Arizona statehood, having been enacted by the first state legislature in 1912. The ASDB serves over 2,000 children from birth to age 21 who are deaf, hard of hearing, blind, visually impaired, multiply sensory disabled and deafblind. ASDB



operates two schools for the deaf, one school for the blind, a statewide birth to three early childhood and family education program and five regional cooperatives. There is a campus located in both Phoenix and Tucson, and the regional centers serve students via their home district or charter schools across the state. The early childhood program provides services to families directly within their homes. The Tucson campus, ASDB's first campus, features 68 acres of beautifully landscaped grounds and over twenty-five buildings, including instructional, athletic and

recreational facilities, a renowned performing arts center and live-in dormitories.

Our Services

- **Campuses in Phoenix and Tucson**– provide onsite preschool through high school instruction and educational and support services. **Contact info:**
 - Arizona School for the Blind and Arizona School for the Deaf (Tucson Campus) – 520.770.3863; alexis.vizcarra@asdb.az.gov
 - Phoenix Day School for the Deaf (PDSD) 602.771.5300; jane.mielenz@asdb.az.gov
- **Statewide district and charter services** – five regional cooperatives throughout Arizona provide educational and support services to local education agencies to help meet their students' IEP goals.
- **Preschool programs (Ages 3-5)** - depending on the needs of families and local communities, preschool aged children are provided services directly on campus, through a local home school district or charter or at center-based sites.
- **In-home early childhood services** – our statewide Early Childhood and Family Education program provides in-home services to parents of children birth to age three to help them better understand the learning and support needs of their child who is deaf, hard of hearing, blind or with vision limitations. For more info contact Barbara Schrag at 520-770-3262 or at barbara.schrag@asdb.az.gov
- **Residency hall program (Tucson campus)**- students live full-time in a dormitory on campus.
- **Family engagement activities** – Our Director of Blind Programs Lisa Yencarelli and Director of Deaf Programs Jennifer Hensley facilitate fun, family activities across the state and throughout the year. Contact Jennifer at jennifer.hensley@asdb.az.gov and Lisa at lisa.yencarelli@asdb.az.gov

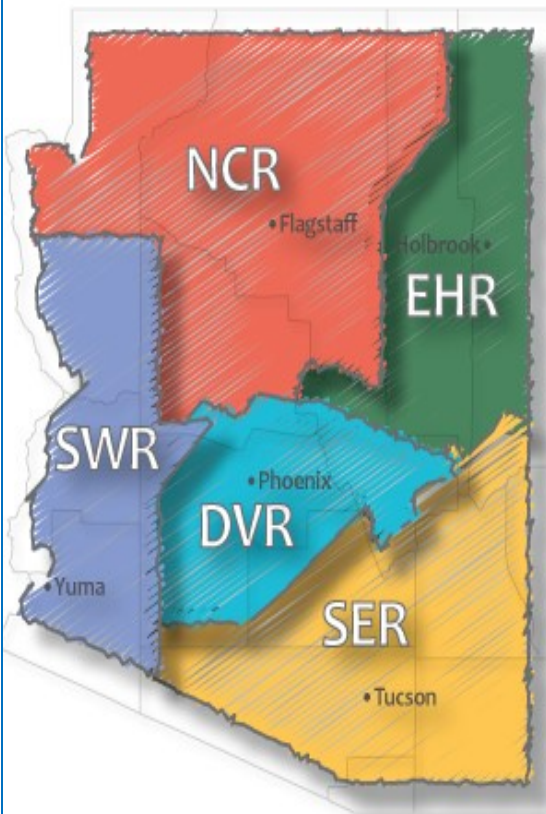


Statewide Services for Districts and Charters

Please contact the ASDB regional cooperative director serving your area to learn more about how ASDB can help you provide services to students who are deaf, hard of hearing, blind, deafblind, have multiple sensory needs or have sensory loss and other special education needs. The ASDB provides educational and sensory support services to over 170 school districts and charters throughout Arizona, and educates and supports children from birth to 21-years-old.



Regional Cooperative Coverage Areas



DVR (Desert Valley Regional Cooperative)

- ❖ Serving the Phoenix metro area and parts of Gila County.
- ❖ Justan Rice: 602.771.5251 or justan.rice@asdb.az.gov

EHR (Eastern Highlands Regional Cooperative)

- ❖ Serving northeastern Arizona and parts of central Arizona.
- ❖ Ruth Parsons: 928.524.1342 or ruth.parsons@asdb.az.gov

NCR (North Central Regional Cooperative)

- ❖ Serving the northcentral and northwestern parts of AZ.
- ❖ Jane MacDonald: 928.774.0655 or jane.macdonald@asdb.az.gov

SER (Southeastern Regional Cooperative)

- ❖ Serving the Tucson metro area and southeastern AZ.
- ❖ Pia Benson: 520.770.3288 or pia.benson@asdb.az.gov

SWR (Southwestern Regional Cooperative)

- ❖ Serving the Yuma metro area and southwestern AZ.
- ❖ Dr. Wemme Walls: 928.317.0429 or wemme.walls@asdb.az.gov

For additional information contact Ryan Ducharme at 602-771-1092 or at ryan.ducharme@asdb.az.gov